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Popular fashions to wear this fall
In the wake of New York's fashion week, many of us are trying to catch up with this season's latest trends.

One item that never seems to go out of style is a good pair of blue jeans. Depending on the fit, most jeans work well with any outfit. They can easily be dressed up by adding a pair of high heels and maybe a loose fitting shirt with a belt. – **PAGE 5**

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JCJC Wins Cat fight 39-34

The Bobcats faced off against their rivals from Pearl River in a high scoring thriller on Sept. 13. Led by quarterback Ben Stevens, the Bobcats seemed to be on their way to a blowout victory, but PRCC quarterback Dylan Favre and the Wildcats were not going to go down without a fight. – **PAGE 6**

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JCJC hosts 'Court on the Road'



Judge Virginia Carlton listens to the defense present their case during the criminal hearing held at the Advanced Technology Center in September. PHOTO BY SAM BASS

NIKKI SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

More than 200 students had a chance to view a criminal and a civil case when the Court of Appeals visited Jones County Junior College for the first time to host their "Court on the Road" program.

The Court of Appeals often convenes on college campuses as a part of the "Court on the Road" program. Students from area high schools were also invited to attend the JCJC event, held at the Ronald E. Whitehead Advanced Technology Center in Howard Technology Park in Ellisville on Sept. 11. The morning's criminal case resulted in the highest attendance of viewers for the appellate court to date.

"I was thrilled to have the Mississippi Court of Appeals on our campus for the educational opportunity it provided," said Joe Mauldin, a business law instructor at JCJC. "At the event, the law clerks and judges took time to educate the students

about the appellate process and the Court. When we met class the next day, the students were enthusiastic about discussing and dissecting the cases they saw. I was impressed by the amount of details in the cases they absorbed. The experience paved the way for some of the best classroom discussions we will have all semester."

The Court of Appeals, a three-judge panel, is an error correction court that hears cases that are assigned by the Supreme Court. It was created by the Mississippi Legislature to relieve a backlog of Supreme Court cases. Approximately 80% of cases appealed to the Supreme Court are decided by the Court of Appeals.

In appellate court, judges look at facts to see if the law was correctly upheld. Only a third of the cases ask for oral arguments and in only a fraction of those cases are they granted. JCJC students enjoyed the added bonus of seeing cases with oral arguments. In cases involving

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JCJC announces Homecoming court and SGA election winners

KIRSTIE LOWERY
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Jones County Junior College held Homecoming and Student Government Association (SGA) class officer elections in the lobby of the C. L. Neill Student Center on Sept. 10. and run-offs were Sept. 12. During past elections, it seemed that not many students wanted to vote. However, this year things took a turn for the better.

Students stood in line for hours, waiting to vote for their favorite candidates.

"I'm just excited to see students excited to vote," said Sonya Davis, SGA sponsor. "We just usually have to beg, and students were standing in line for awhile, so I would like to say thank you to the student body for turning out."

Even though student government elections are not quite at the same level as U.S. government elections, students need to realize just how important they really are, explained Davis.

"It gets you ready for what's coming as you get out into the real world, as

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Student killed in accident

NIKKI SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

Jones County Junior College student Joseph Micah Redmond, 19, of Meridian was killed on September 8, 2012, on Tucker's Crossing Road in Ellisville.

The 1997 Chevrolet Silverado ran off the road and struck several trees in a one-vehicle accident.

He was ejected from the vehicle and was unresponsive when medics arrived. The wreck happened around 4:30 a.m.

Jones County Deputy Coroner Burl Hall pronounced Redmond dead at the scene. The cause of the accident is still unknown.

Redmond was a member of the men's soccer team at Jones. The JCJC and MGCCC players paused pre-game for a silent tribute to Redmond on September 12. The game was originally scheduled for September 11, but was rescheduled so the players could attend Redmond's funeral.



Joseph Micah Redmond

Taco Bell to open on campus

NIKKI SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

Jones County Junior College recently released some exciting news to students: the current game room will be renovated into a Student Union that will include a Taco Bell and Bobcat Grill.

The estimated time for Taco Bell to open will be after Thanksgiving break or around January at the latest. The hours for Taco Bell have not been decided yet, but will probably be from lunch until 10 p.m. The Bobcat Grill will be open for breakfast as well as lunch.

Along with breakfast, the Bobcat

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Back row from left to right: Temple Hughes, sophomore maid; Janetia Mccullum, student body maid; and Holly Jefcoat, sophomore maid. Front row from left to right: Emily Miller, freshman maid; Ramanda Dace, homecoming queen; and Hannah Hammons, freshman maid.

Jones Ambassadors and Bobcat Brigade join forces

ACIE SMITH
BOBCAT PRESS EDITOR

This year JCJC has combined two of the top leadership teams on campus. Jones Ambassadors and Bobcat Brigade have joined to become one big family of recruiters.

The idea to combine these two groups came from Ed Smith, vice president of Student Affairs. One of the main reasons these groups were joined was due to the fact that they have the same mission, to recruit future Bobcats. Joining these groups will also allow the college to save on scholarship money.

Jones Ambassadors is a group of students who work with the Foundation and Alumni offices at JCJC. This group is made of freshman and sophomore students. Ambassadors also take part in recruiting future Bobcats.

Bobcat Brigade focuses mainly on student recruitment. Brigade members conduct tours of JCJC to students interested in attending Jones. They also introduce future



Kayla Bradley addresses students at the first Bobcat Brigade and Jones Ambassadors combination meeting. PHOTO BY SAM BASS

students to Campus life and all the benefits of being a Bobcat.

“Joining these two leadership groups into one large team is going to create great opportunities for Jones,” said Bobcat Brigade advisor Kayla Bradley.

The joined groups will be titled Bobcat Brigade and still carry out the duties both Ambassadors and Brigade members had in the past. To become a Bobcat Brigade member students must go through

a three round process with eliminations at the ending of each round. The first round consist of a “meet and greet” and an ice breaker game. The second round is an impromptu speech where students are given a question or statement and are allowed one minute to answer. The third round is an interview process with a set of selected judges. At the end of the third round the Bobcat Brigade members are selected from the group of students that participated in the

interview.

Under the title Bobcat Brigade there are two subtitles: Recruiters and Ambassadors. All members are recruiters but only sophomores are Ambassadors.

“I feel it is a great way for two organizations to come together to make a great impact on Jones,” said sophomore Ambassador Jeanna Freeman.

All members will continue to be the face of Jones and bring future Bobcats to the JCJC campus.

Upcoming events for JCJC BSU

NIKKI SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

The Jones County Junior College Baptist Student Union will offer a bevy of activities for students this semester, including a new weekly morning meeting.

On September 28-29, they will attend the state fall conference. There will be a speaker, worship band and testimonies from mission trips. For those wishing to attend, the cost is \$30.

The BSU will have a rummage sale on October 5-6. All of the proceeds will go to support student missions.

On October 8, a ping pong tournament will be held at the BSU. The fee to enter is \$5. Those who would like to participate must enter by October 5. The money earned from this event will go to buy clothes for needy children for Dress the Children. The BSU will also host a Christmas party for the children on December 5.

The BSU meets on Tuesday nights at 6 p.m. for worship and Bible study. After Bible study the students play volleyball.

They also have a weekly meal on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The meal is \$3 for students, and the money goes to student missions.

The BSU is adding a new meeting called morning watch, which will be a weekly prayer and devotional time. This will take place upstairs

in the C.L. Neill Student Center in Room 217 every Wednesday from 7:55 a.m. until 8:20 a.m.

Court Street Coffee Shop is housed inside the BSU and is open from 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The coffee shop offers hot and cold coffee drinks, tea, smoothies and has recently added Blue Bell ice cream. Court Street Coffee Shop is staffed by student volunteers. All proceeds go to summer mission projects.

Hundreds turn out for blood drive

KRISTIN BLAIR
STAFF WRITER

Several times a year, Jones County Junior College hosts blood drives to help the local blood supply, and every year, JCJC is one of the biggest donors in the area.

Each time, the JCJC Blood Drive is held in the game room and receives several hundred visitors.

All students are invited to donate blood. With a donation, T-shirts are given and the students walk away knowing that they have made a difference and perhaps even saved someone’s life. The JCJC medical students also get a chance to earn some experience in their field as they help with the drive each time it’s held.

JCJC had its first blood drive of the school year Sept. 17 - 19. On Sept. 17, over 174 students registered to donate blood as well as platelets and plasma. On Tuesday, almost 200 students showed up to donate blood, and there were a few more plasma and platelet donations. The last day of the drive, Wednesday, Sept 19, over 160 donors

were registered and over 140 units were given.

Over 200 people donated blood for the first time at this month’s blood drive. Beverly Clark, United Blood Services Senior Donor representative, said those first-time donors were students who were encouraged to donate by instructors, staff and other students. In addition, Clark spoke to students in the

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you become an adult, and you need to vote. You need to use the process to get what you want, to get who you want in office. So, it really does just prepare you for what’s coming,” she said.

Student government has also become important to students for other reasons as well, including the opportunity to run for a position in the Homecoming court.

“It gives them a chance to get to campaign and mingle with other students they wouldn’t normally meet,” said Missie Meeks, English instructor. “It’s an honor to work with these girls, and they are very well

behaved, and they are good representatives and role models.”

The winners of the SGA election are Dyllan Dobbs, freshmen class president and Justin Booth, sophomore class president. The Homecoming court are Ramanda Dace, homecoming queen; Janetta Mccullum, student body maid; Holly Jefcoat, sophomore maid; Temple Hughes, sophomore maid; Emily Miller, freshmen maid; and Hannah Hammons, freshmen maid.

SGA is set to hold campaigns for the college Democrats and Republicans on Sept. 29 and Sept. 30. There will be two more elections, the mock presidential election and the Mr. and Ms. JCJC

election, slated for this November.

Homecoming is set for Oct. 6 and will include events such as brunch at 9



Sophomore class president Justin Booth and Freshman class president Dyllan Dobbs. PHOTO BY SAM BASS

a.m., a parade at 10:30 a.m., a luncheon in the gym at 11:30 a.m., a pre-game band show at 2:30, and the game at 3 p.m.

New recycling bins for home football games

NIKKI SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

Jones County Junior College recently received a grant from Coca-Cola and Keep America Beautiful for 20 new recycling bins to be used for sporting events on campus.

“They gave us these bins to help collect recyclables and keep them from going out as waste and filling up landfills,” said Mike Dean, ecoBobcat president.

Last year, the ecoBobcats noticed a problem with recycling at football games. Fans were dumping food and other trash into the recycling bins.

The ecoBobcats also noticed a lot of trash was being left behind in the stands. After the homecoming football game last year, they collected a total of 13 bags of bottles and cans that could be recycled. This year, five bags of recyclables were collected in the stands after the first home

game.

“It was nice to see the amount of people who participated in recycling after we started using the new bins,” said ecoBobcat member Kirstie Lowery.

The goal of the new bins that are shaped like plastic bottles is to encourage others to recycle instead of dumping things in the stands or trash cans. Kelly Atwood, the ecoBobcats advisor, hopes the bins will catch the attention of those that attend sporting events on campus. These bins are made to hold cans and plastic bottles only.

The recipients of the grants were chosen after the following were considered: need, experience and the capability to maintain the program. The Bin Grant Program has awarded around 29,000 recycling bins all over the country. Jones was the only junior college in Mississippi to receive the Dasani recycle bins.



EcoBobcats pose with recycling bins including the new bottle-shaped bins. From left to right: Kirstie Lowery, Mike Dean, Nikki Smith and Erin Howell. PHOTO BY SAM BASS

Taco Bell

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Grill will offer more of a variety of food, such as chicken strips and hamburgers.

Ed Smith, vice president of Student Affairs, said that to be hired to work at Taco Bell, students would have to apply through Sodexo, the company that will run the business.

JCJC President Dr. Jesse Smith and administration developed the idea for the Student Union as a place for students to go between classes.

“Students are going to the library and Jones Hall to hang out between classes, which is fine, but those are academic places,” said Ed Smith. The goal is to have a place where students can go and hang out without disturbing those who are trying to study.

“We want to be able to provide services our students want. We

wanted to provide a place for students to go to hang out between their classes,” he said.

This is a student government-led initiative. The Student Government Association (SGA) interviewed a focus group, and Taco Bell was the most desired fast food restaurant among the group. The students also said that they would like a variety, which is why the Bobcat Grill will be added.

“Taco Bell was thought up to allow students more convenient food choices at an affordable college student price. I am extremely excited about the new campus addition,” said DePaul Foxworth, SGA President.

“We are excited about the growth of our great campus and welcome the new expansions to Jones. We hope to see the new Taco Bell and Grill prosper and bring the school closer together,” said Maken McAlpin, SGA vice president.

Editorial

‘Court on the Road’ a good learning tool

An estimated 200 people were in attendance Sept. 11 at the Whitehead Advanced Technology Center to watch as Jones County Junior College became the first junior/ community college in the state to host the Mississippi Court of Appeals “court on the road” program. It was an honor for both JCJC and the community when the court accepted the invitation from Jones County Circuit Court Judge Billy Joe Landrum.

We were exceptionally impressed with the turnout, which included not only those of us from JCJC, but from Laurel, Northeast Jones, South Jones, West Jones and Laurel Christian High Schools, WDAM and WHLT. The publicity “court on the road” earned for JCJC was great for both current and prospective students.

Though many expected to see “Law and Order” type trials, the scene was much less dramatic, with oral arguments only – a much more appropriate choice considering the educational setting. After each case, the first being criminal, the second civil, the floor was opened for questions from the audience, which was a great learning experience for students, most of whom had never set foot in a courtroom prior to the event. Although questions pertaining to the actual case could not be answered, questions about the appellate court, judiciary system and questions relating to the legal profession were all asked and answered by either the judges or law clerks.

Jones has a reputation for giving its students memorable and unique learning experiences, and hosting the Court of Appeals was no exception. “Court on the road” was an excellent experience, one we hope to see again at our college.

Dorm curfew serves purpose for students

MYKEYLA CRAWFORD
STAFF WRITER

People complain about curfews for dorm students, but they serve a purpose. At first, one might not agree with the curfew or understand why it is set at 2 a.m.

We have students who have jobs where they work long and late hours. One of the worst things that could happen to a dorm student is to work all night, drive to the dorm, have a key and not be able to get in because it is past 2 a.m. That would be very overwhelming and upsetting.

Director of Women's Housing Ashley Hill explained the school policy concerning working students who get off of work late. “Well, there’s a form that we give dorm students,” said Hill. “If they do work late hours, we can give them that form to give to their employer stating that the student has a curfew of 2 a.m.”

The employer may offer the student earlier hours, but if the employer doesn't want to work with the student, the student may have to quit the job. As Hill

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Chick-Fil-A divides society

KATHERINE PARKER
STAFF WRITER

I was there that day. I was working the day that they were packed to the max and lines were unendingly long. I was serving because that is what Chick-Fil-A is all about, servanthood.

I have worked for CFA for about five years off and on. There was always a reason I went back; a reason that I would like for you to understand – not from the consumer's side, not from a political party's side, but from the inside.

I started working for CFA in 1999. I was hired

as a cashier and within two weeks, was promoted to kitchen manager. The training was rigorous, the tasks of running the kitchen in such a high-paced atmosphere was sometimes daunting, but the rewards were totally worth every minute of the struggles I endured. CFA is not just about chicken. It's about people, all people, no matter who they are.

Throughout the years of my employment, management was understanding to the many trials that my fellow

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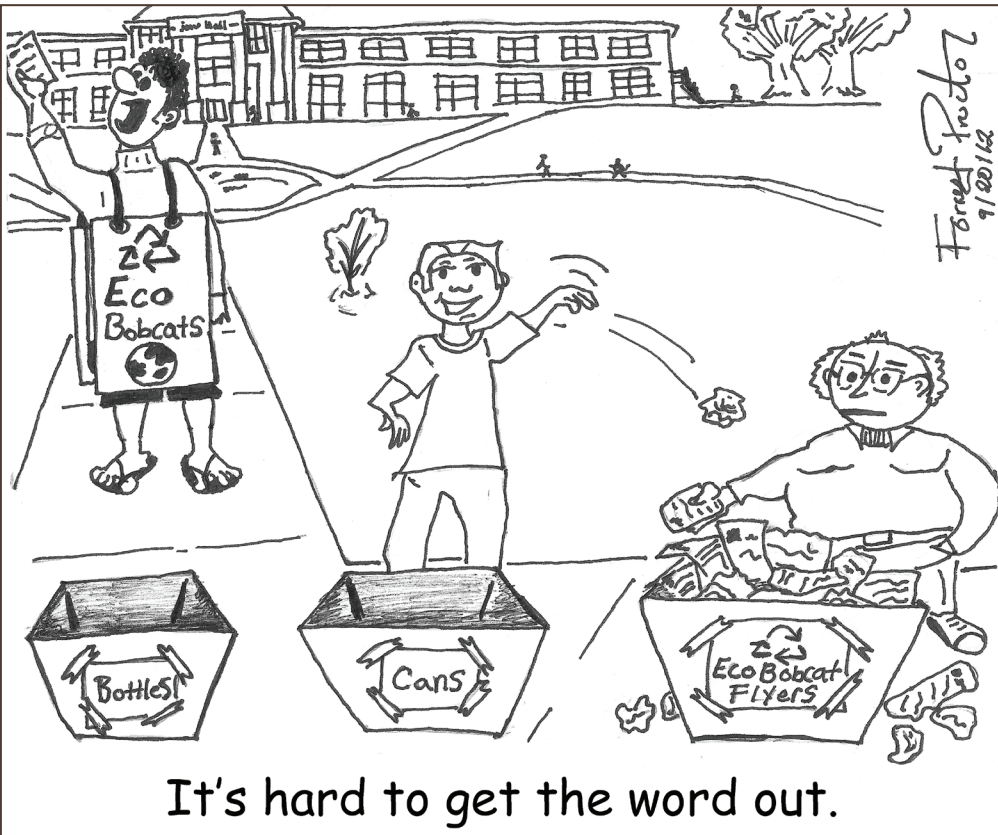
Jones goes Green

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STAFF WRITER

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In order to insure that we recycle as much as possible, recycle bins have been conveniently placed all over campus. There are short bins in every classroom and most offices, and there are large



It's hard to get the word out.

green bins located in every building – you can't miss 'em. At sports games and other events we supply tall coke-bottle-shaped bins, and specially marked recycle bag frames with blue tops, all conveniently placed to make recycling easy. In order for this to work though, we need

every visitor of JCJC to do their part and make sure that if it isn't real garbage, they place it in a recycle bin. We even encourage visitors to bring their recyclables from home. If it's not too much, just place it in the big green recycle bins, or if you have a large amount, you can

contact the eco-Bobcats, and they will recycle it for you.

Most materials can be placed in the bins: paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, ink cartridges, cds, cassette tapes, VHS tapes, and any

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Elections: Make the right choice

KATHERINE PARKER
STAFF WRITER

It's been said that President Barak Obama's policies have been compared to Marxism. The comments spur from website after website. Never before has there been such a controversial president.

From questions concerning the origin of his birth to his policies on renewable energy, he has been under the microscope of scrutiny since his election. With a

father from Kenya, Africa, one could see why such a discussion would be held. The Washington Post reported that it took Obama two years to produce his birth certificate from Honolulu, Hawaii. Why did it take so long to produce such a simple document? This alone is shady.

Then we come across the regulations that have been passed. It seems that everything is being regulated, from gasoline to insurance policies. Our power hungry politicians

desire to control it all. I am very concerned that our country is headed in the direction of a socialist economy.

The Heritage Foundation stated, “Over just the last year, the Obama Administration has added 32 regulations that together impose more than \$10 billion in annual costs and \$6.6 billion in one-time implementation costs. Those regulations include mandates covering a broad range of activities and products, ranging from refrigerators and

freezers to clothes driers to air conditioners, limits on automotive emissions, employer requirements for posting federal labor rules, product labeling, health plan eligibility under Obama Care, and higher minimum wages for foreign workers. The most expensive regulation came from the Environmental Protection Agency, which added five major rules at a cost of more than \$4 billion annually.”

I suppose the Federal

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Fourth meal will be a parking ordeal

CHANING GREEN
FEATURES EDITOR

As most students are aware by now, the JCJC campus will welcome a Taco Bell in the coming months. Most people believe a Taco Bell would make us college students thrilled that our obesity can be easily obtained at somewhat troubling low prices right on our very own college campus, but I am not 100 percent excited.

Being a human being without an eating disorder, I love Taco Bell. It is by no means my favorite restaurant, but if I am out with friends and they would like to go there, I would gladly

partake. The food is cheap and edible, which at this stage in my financial life, is sometimes all I look for when choosing a meal. But the Taco Bell opening on campus is projected to be a restaurant open to not only students and faculty members, but to the general public. For me, this is where the problem starts.

As a commuter, parking is sometimes a difficult task. Unless Jones is planning to knock down a building or two, or Capsule Corp. technology is finally within our grasp, I am clueless as to how they intend to deal with the major influx of vehicles that comes with opening

an extremely popular fast food restaurant in the middle of Ellisville, Mississippi.

While I am sure the restaurant will bring in many dollars to our college, I am still pretty “meh” on the whole topic, as are other Jones students.

“Can we focus on other stuff first? The internet in the dorms needs an upgrade and we are opening a Taco Bell on campus. Baby steps, guys,” said sophomore Shannon Beard.

My suggestion to the administration would be to negotiate a deal with the people opening up the restaurant; from

open to 4 p.m. the store is open to only those with college ID's, and from 4 p.m. to close it is open to the general public. I have been on campus at 4 p.m. before: there isn't much going on. This solution will allow students to get their food, Taco Bell and Jones to get their money, and for me to get to class without having a fender bender with a high schooler who wanted to skip class and go to Taco Bell with his friend who went only because she didn't want to be that lame friend.

So from open to 4 p.m. – students only, and from 4 p.m. to close – muggles can come get themselves some Taco Bell. Everybody wins.

Writer contests financial aid fairness

ERIN HOWELL
OPINIONS EDITOR

Work hard and you will reap the rewards; this concept is simple enough for children to grasp. As government funding progresses, however, the principle is becoming more sit around and the government will provide. While this seems like an issue pertaining to welfare or Medicaid, it's invading our education system as well.

In a college setting, there are three ways of

paying for an education: scholarships, financial aid and out of pocket money. Few can afford to foot the base \$1,074 cost of Jones out of pocket, let alone the price once all additional fees are tacked on.

Financial aid, or government allotted tax dollars, is utilized, in some amount, by around 70 percent of students at Jones. While in many cases it is helpful, people must realize that financial aid is just that, aid. By definition, aid is help, not a free ride.

Unlike scholarships, which must be earned, financial aid is not based on merit, but rather income. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, the poverty level for the average four person American family is \$23,050, for which full financial aid for college tuition may be granted.

Most would agree that financial aid is beneficial for those who are willing to work to obtain their education, or who pair their aid with scholarships

they have earned. However, it should not be given to those who take advantage of the system and use their financial aid for frivolous, non-school related items. Using it frivolously is easy to do, considering unused financial aid is refunded to the student in the form of tangible money, unlike earned scholarship money, which is neither tangible, nor refundable.

Because the money is given to the student from the government, Jones

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Bobcat emcees to bring school spirit

BREKAH' ROBINSON
STAFF WRITER

Pep rallies will have more pep this year due to two JCJC students who will be leading the events for the upcoming school year.

The two students chosen to be the masters of ceremonies were DePaul Foxworth and RJae Brady.

“We decided to have students lead the pep rallies because it would increase the student body involvement and participation if their peers were leading them in chants and dances, rather than a faculty member,”

said Sonya Davis, student government sponsor.

Auditions for the student emcee were held Aug. 22 in the cafeteria. The students who auditioned were judged on how they got the crowd involved and how well they got them to participate in chants and dances. They were also judged on their energy and school spirit.

“I enjoy being involved, and I love increasing the student morale for football games and Jones County Junior College in general,” Foxworth said. Foxworth is the student body president and is very involved on campus. He likes getting



DePaul Foxworth (far right), RJae Brady, and an unidentified student do a little dance during the emcee tryouts. PHOTO BY SAM BASS

the crowd pumped up for the upcoming game and boosting school spirit in the student body.

Brady said, “I am full of spirit and I feel like with my personality I could encourage others to do the same. Go Bobcats!”

Brady is known on campus as being very energetic and full of personality. He loves being involved and taking part in the pep rallies.

Both Brady and Foxworth said they plan on making the pep rallies fun and entertaining, and an ultimate college experience.

Davis wants to encourage any freshman who is interested in becoming the pep rally emcee to try out next year. They will be doing the same process of auditioning each year, so get your cheers and dances ready for a Bobcat experience you won't forget.



Sam Breeden poses next to tires that could soon be part of our road systems. PHOTO BY MIKE DEAN

Student recycles tires into asphalt

MICHAEL DEAN
STAFF WRITER

This summer, a JCJC student had the privilege of working with actual scientists to try and create a new form of asphalt material using recycled tires. The new asphalt

would reduce waste in America, make roads safer, and improve them in many other ways.

“It was fun and satisfying to try and help create something that could benefit people, our country

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NIKKI SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

Over the summer the Baptist Student Union (BSU) had the opportunity to travel to Moldova for a mission trip for the seventh time. These JCJC students helped with an English camp outside of the capitol city of Chisinau.

Along with BSU Director Frank Porter and his family, JCJC students that went on the trip were Hayden White, Sarah Alberado, Kayla Bailey, Nikki Smith, Mihaela Florescu and Leslie Porter.



Members of the BSU pose in front of London Bridge during their trip to Moldova and London. PHOTO BY ROXIE PORTER

The Moldovan people were drawn to the camp by the opportunity to learn English. While at the camp, the English lessons were taught using Bible

study. Each day was spent outside doing lessons and studying the word. Before and after lessons there was a worship service. The Moldovans thought of the mission team as English experts, even if they were from south Mississippi.

For JCJC student Mihaela Florescu, this was not a foreign mission trip – she was actually going home. Florescu first attended the camp as a young girl with a desire to learn English. The second time resulted in her converting to Christianity. She was first taught English by JCJC students who went on a mission trip to Moldova in the past. She recently attended the

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OneCard and Bobcat Bucks offer students many Options

CHERYL STRINGER
STAFF WRITER

Financial strain was an understatement when describing the obstacles faced while trying to further my education and attend college. I knew that I had to be thrifty and dedicated in obtaining the goal of graduation. How was I going to afford the drive of 100 miles each day to school, twice a week?

Jones County Junior College's Bobcat Bucks program has made it possible for me to allocate college funds to an account, allowing me to spend them at local merchants on food, gas and more. Without Bobcat Bucks, it would have been difficult for me to afford gas to get to school. It can help students in challenging situations.

One young lady with heart problem was able to

use this program to afford her medication. Students who are ill can use the health clinic on campus and fill prescriptions using Bobcat Bucks at Ward's Pharmacy, even without insurance. The benefits of Bobcats Bucks can make all the difference on your JCJC journey, so let's find out more about this program.

When you went through registration you received your JCJC Student

Identification Card. That card has your picture and a Discover credit card number on one side and two stripes on the back, one metallic and one that is brown. Did you wonder why there are two stripes on the back? There are many functions to your ID and my goal is to make sure that you understand enough about them that

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LeCrae performs at Life Church in Laurel this past summer. PHOTO BY JAMES PUGH

LeCrae shows Laurel some love

ACIE SMITH
BOBCAT PRESS EDITOR

The Laurel-Jones County area had the chance to host a big star.

LeCrae Moore, a popular and award winning Christian rap artist from Houston, TX, brought a crowd of over 1000

students to Life Church on August 10, 2012 to experience God's word through a different light.

The process of booking LeCrae all started with former teacher Jessica Wade of South Jones High School. Wade began her

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SGA to make Fall Freeze exciting

KIRSTIE LOWERY
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Every year people anticipate fall for a number of reasons, including the cool weather, the leaves changing color, and holidays being just around the corner. However, students of Jones County Junior College have yet another reason to look forward to the change in seasons.

Every year, JCJC hosts

Fall Freeze week, a time for students to put down the pencils and close up the books just long enough to have a little fun. Many clubs on campus will provide some spooky yet fun activities for students to take part in.

During Fall Freeze week, the Student Government Association is set to host many fun activities, some of which include a horror movie marathon and a dance. The annual costume

contest for JCJC students will be held during the dance. Also, this will be the first year that SGA will have a booth set up during Treats in the Streets, which is set for Oct. 31.

Treats in the Streets offers candy and games to children of the community. Each year, hundreds of families visit the booths, which are manned by JCJC students who are members of campus clubs. Many students look forward to

those events, but perhaps the most thrilling activity of the week belongs to the Philosophy Club.

During Treats in the Streets, the club will feature games where players will bob for eyeballs. Afterwards, there will be a fundraising event where participants will take part in a ghost hunting adventure.

Fall Freeze week will begin on Oct. 29 and end Nov. 2.

Maroon Typhoon hits the field with a champion of a show

KRISTIN BLAIR
STAFF WRITER

Widely known as one of the best bands in the state, the Maroon Typhoon always promises a high energy show with many surprises and high quality half-time entertainment at football games. This year, director Matthew Pickering has done it again, giving the audience a show

to remember. Playing a tribute to not only football, but several other well known and loved sports, the 2012 Maroon Typhoon half-time show is sure to please band fans and sports fans alike.

“It's different and it challenges the band,” said alto saxophonist Andrew Moore, regarding this year's show. “It appeals to a very specific crowd and it's

something everyone can dance to.”

Basketball has been one of the most popular sports in the world for many years. The JCJC band plays a tribute to its own basketball team as well as all others by performing the NBA theme song, “Roundball Rock,” as the opening song in their half-time performance.

Fast paced and upbeat, the song is surely to wake

up the crowd as the band rocks the stadium. The song is accompanied by several live recordings of plays and voice overs from NBA games and will surely be recognizable to any basketball fanatic.

America's favorite sport is said to be baseball. The second song in the band's half-time presentation happens to be one of the most recognizable songs

in sports history. After “Roundball Rock,” the band swings into an upbeat and jazzy version of “Take Me Out to the Ballgame.” Even though this version of the song is infused with swing and jazz, the whole crowd is invited to sing along with the band as they play and sing the recognizable melody and lyrics on the field.

Closing the show, the

band slows down the pace a bit with a variation on the JCJC Alma Mater that quickly transgresses into a fast-paced march style mash up of several different famous football fight songs. From Notre Dame to the Sooners, football fans from all over are sure to be pleased with what they hear from the piece. The

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Popular fashions to wear this fall

KIRSTIE LOWERY
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

In the wake of New York's fashion week, many of us are trying to catch up with this season's latest trends. One item that never seems to go out of style is a good pair of blue jeans. Depending on the fit, most jeans work well with any outfit. They can easily be dressed up by adding a pair of high heels and maybe a loose fitting shirt with a belt. Jeans can also be made to look more casual by pairing them with flats and a comfortable t-shirt. In other words, jeans can go with basically anything, and it seems that they won't be going out of style anytime soon. One main thing that

really dresses up an outfit is a nice pair of shoes. A must-have this fall is knee-high boots. Whether they are flat or if they have a heel, knee-high boots definitely add an extra layer to an outfit, therefore remaining a hot selling style. Another item that can either make or break an outfit is jewelry. This year it seems as though gold jewelry is yet again making its way to the runways. Other accessories that add extra flavor to an outfit are ruffled scarves, aviator sunglasses, chunky, dark bracelets, and a nice purse. Some of the more popular purses are clutch handbags, but sometimes a bigger bag seems a little bit more practical, especially

for college students. Some popular colors this season are black, white, navy blue, hot pink and brown. Though these colors are popular right now, that does not mean that we can not mix and match our own favorite colors. "As far as fashion goes today, there are no rules of what you can and can't wear" said Finee Ruffin, JCJC fashion merchandising instructor. However, the most attractive asset to an outfit is not a piece of clothing, a purse, a shoe, a color or jewelry. It's the amount of self-confidence coming from the person inside the outfit that really makes the entire outward appearance look beautiful.



Sophomore Megean Grayson shows off her fall fashion. Also shown are popular shirts from the JCJC Bookstore. PHOTOS BY SAM BASS AND KIRSTIE LOWERY



Will Ferrell and Zach Galifianakis run against each other in The Campaign. COURTESY OF GOOGLE IMAGES

Election movie brings laughs

JAY RILEY
STAFFWRITER

The Campaign is a political satire film made for fans of politics and comedies. Featuring a fun-filled cast of Will Ferrell and Zach Galifianakis, this film is hysterical from beginning to end. The plot: A long-time Congressman named Cam Brady (Will Ferrell) has a major public embarrassment, so two top-notch CEOs place a rival candidate named Marty Huggins (Zach Galifianakis) in to win votes in the North Carolina district. Marty Huggins is beyond naïve

and believes the world is always friendly. When the two CEOs decide to put Huggins vs. Brady, Huggins begins a cutthroat campaign and becomes a true politician. The two duel for position in the political campaign and end up battling physically. Although this movie is fascinatingly funny, due to profanity and some inappropriate scenes it is rated R. Cam is a charismatic Clinton-like political figurehead who has run unopposed for multiple years on the North Carolina ballot. Marty, a

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Black Veil Brides delight fans of meaningful music

KRISTIN BLAIR
STAFFWRITER

What happens when rock music is mixed with meaningful lyrics, heavy stage make-up, leather, chains and a killer stage presence? It must be the Black Veil Brides. With a sound compared to Asking Alexandria, Bullet for My Valentine, AFI, Escape the Fate, Falling in Reverse and Three Days Grace, the band was originally formed by lead singer Andy Biersack in Cincinnati, Ohio. Black Veil brides had been blowing up the rock scene since they signed with StandBy Records in 2009. Even years before a record deal, Biersack had



A fan's T-shirt. PHOTO BY SAM BASS

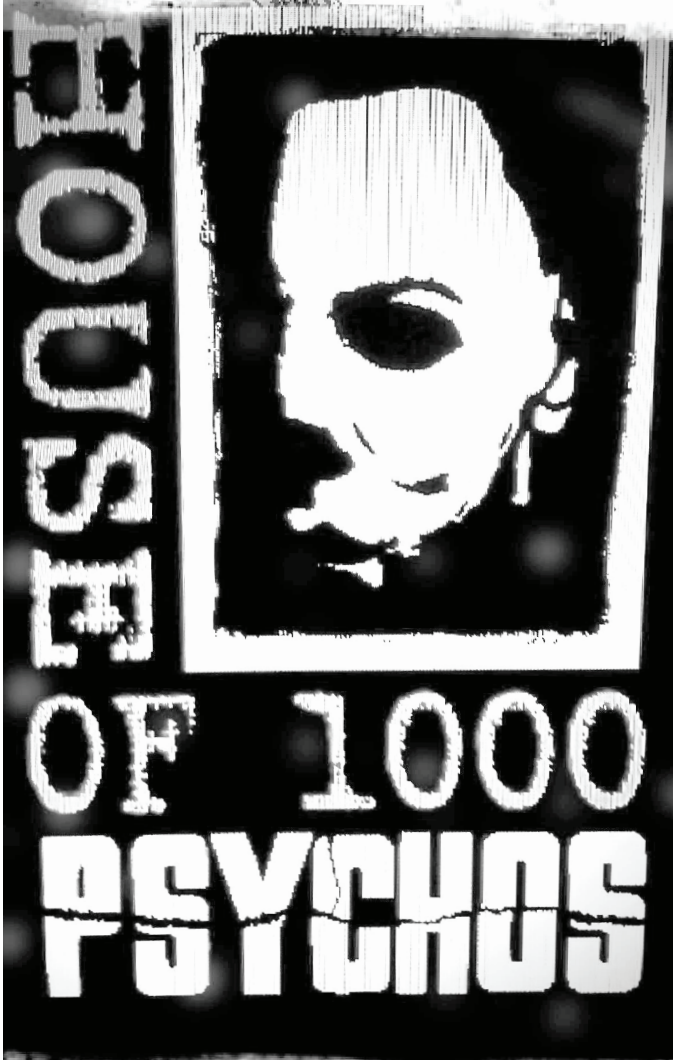
started the making of the band which was originally self-titled, "Biersack" when he was 14 years old. see [Black Veil](#) page 7

Great ways to celebrate Halloween

KIRSTIE LOWERY
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

For those of us who are looking for something fun to do this Halloween, there are plenty of activities around. From fun games to professional haunted attractions, there will be many things for everyone to enjoy this October. Students who are busy with school-related activities and therefore do not have much time to do anything off campus will enjoy taking part in Fall Freeze week, an annual event hosted by JCJC. Beginning Oct. 29 and ending Nov. 2, Fall Freeze week will have lots of fun things to do, including a horror movie marathon, a dance and ghost hunting. However, for people who are looking for a slightly bigger thrill, there is the Deason home. Every Halloween, customers tour the haunted house in hopes of witnessing some supernatural occurrence. As many citizens of Jones

County already know, the house was built in 1845 by Amos Deason and is said to be the murder scene of Amos McLemore. Visitors have claimed that on the anniversary of McLemore's death, the front door will swing wide open, even if there is nobody behind it. To find out when it will be open this Halloween, find the Deason House on Facebook. Lastly, for anyone who genuinely enjoys being terrified, look no further than Ellisville's only professionally operated haunted attraction, House of 1000 Psychos. Customers have compared their experiences at this haunted house to stepping directly into a scene from some of Hollywood's most horrifying films. Every detail is authentic, from the acting down to the smallest set pieces. Previously, this business was located in Laurel, and last year it was moved to downtown Hattiesburg. see [Halloween](#) page 8



House of 1000 Psychos logo. COURTESY OF HOUSE OF 1000 PSYCHOS

'City of Bones' to become film

CHANING GREEN
FEATURES EDITOR

The announcement of the first book in Cassandra Clare's Mortal Instrument series, "City of Bones," being produced into a movie has had many avid readers and fans on the edge of their seats with anticipation. The movie is set to be released in the summer of 2013. The movie stars Lily Collins as Clarissa Fray, a teen who discovers her family is a lot more complicated than she could have ever imagined. As it turns out, she hails from a family of Nephilim. The Nephilim are the legendary human and angel hybrids that are sworn to protect human kind from all things demonic that are entering our world. In the series, these hybrids are referred to as Shadowhunters; named for the first Nephilim, Jonathan Shadowhunter. Clary Fray and her best friend Simon Lewis, portrayed by Robert Sheehan, are thrust into this hidden world whenever Clary witnesses a group of Nephilim slay a demon in a local night club. The club's name is pandemonium, a



JCJC student Kristina Jenkins reads City of Bones. PHOTO BY SAM BASS

word invented by Dante Alighieri to describe the terror inflicted on humans in the afterlife by demons in the Inferno. The plot thickens whenever Clary's mother, Joceyln Fray, disappears and a demon comes after Clary in her own home. The story is a fast paced fantasy, drama, and thriller with constant, unpredictable twists that are becoming increasingly uncommon in modern literature. The hope for many fans is that the movie does not do the book a complete and total injustice, like many movies have done to their inspiration in the past. "I'm just afraid that they

are going to massacre the book. But we can only hope for the best," said JCJC sophomore Forrest Proctor. The movie is currently being filmed in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The movie is expected to gain a lot of attention in the coming months. Teen fiction novels being turned into movies is the latest trend of giant hollywood successes, and this movie is not predicted to be any different. While it may not end up the next Twilight Saga, the Mortal Instruments movies are sure to cause a stir in both the contemporary literature and modern movie scene.

Creative enjoy Tumblr

KRISTIN BLAIR
STAFFWRITER

In the last two centuries, technology has advanced fairly quickly. Instead of textbooks, many colleges and schools have switched to eBooks. Instead of writing letters, people in the 21st century find it much easier to pick up a smart phone and text or send an email over the web. Instead of driving to business meetings, some people work from home and take video conferences on laptops, tablets and even their cell phones. With all of these new advances in technology, it's no wonder why our social lives have begun to branch out more online as well. Social network sites see [Tumblr](#) page 7



SPORTS

Bobcats come back to beat PRCC

BRAD CROWE
SPORTSWRITER

The Bobcats faced off against their rivals from Pearl River in a high scoring thriller on Sept. 13. Led by quarterback Ben Stevens, the Bobcats seemed to be on their way to a blowout victory, but PRCC quarterback Dylan Favre and the Wildcats were not going to go down without a fight.

The first half of play was a defensive showcase. The Bobcats defense forced three early Wildcat turnovers. On the offensive side of the ball, JCJC put together three long drives of eight plays or more, but they only put six points on the scoreboard, giving the Wildcats a 10-6 advantage at halftime. It would be the third quarter in which the Bobcats would catch fire.

The Bobcats went into



JCJC offensive linemen J.T. Meyers (77), Justin Booth (79), and Jalen Beavers (73) prepare for PRCC linebacker D'andre Dartez (14). PHOTO BY WHITNEY SMITH

the hurry-up offense to start the third quarter. On the first drive of the half,

JCJC put together a seven play 85-yard touchdown drive to take the lead 13-10.

Ben Stevens, sophomore, had another terrific game, passing for 251 yards and two

touchdowns. Stevens' main target, Stephanio McNair, racked up six catches for

74 yards. Kalif Koen was a force to be reckoned with in the ground game, rushing for 120 yards on 19 carries.

The Bobcats seemed to have things under control with a lead of 39-13 going into the fourth quarter of play. The Wildcats would not give up easily, scoring 21 points in the last quarter. JCJC was finally able to close out the game by a score of 39-34.

"Pearl River is a good team," said Bobcat head coach Ray Perkins, "but I think our guys wanted it more." Perkins and the Bobcats improved to 2-1 on the season. Next on the 2012 tour would be a home game against the nationally ranked Mississippi Gulf Coast Bulldogs, where the Bobcats would pull off the upset with a 35-28 win. Homecoming is slated for Oct. 6 when the Bobcats will take on East Central.



Stevens (#4) looks to the sideline during JCJC's 10-8 victory over Holmes. PHOTO BY SAM BASS

Stevens looks to make sophomore season a memorable finish

JOSH BEASLEY
SPORTSWRITER

Ben Stevens knows what it takes to be successful. After all, in his four years playing quarterback at West Jones High School, Stevens and the Mustangs went 42-10, and he played a big role in that success.

"My high school career really prepared me for college football," said Stevens. "I played in 5A, so the level of competition was extremely high. I also played in front of some large crowds, so

the crowds here at JCJC weren't a huge transition."

Throwing for over 2000 yards and 15 touchdowns last season, Stevens has a lot of expectations to meet this year. Not only does the sophomore signal caller plan to meet those expectations, he plans to improve off of a stellar freshman season.

"The most important thing I need to do this year to be better is cut down on my turnovers and take advantage of the plays

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Lady Bobcat soccer starts season with seven wins

ACIE SMITH
SPORTSWRITER

The Lady Bobcat soccer team has started their season off with a total of seven wins. JCJC also stands with an undefeated record of 4-0 in division play.

Aug. 24-In the first game of the season JC faced off against Hinds Community College. The Lady Bobcats won 1-0.

Kimberly Murray scored for the Lady Bobcats.

Sept. 3-JCJC played the top ranked Lady Apaches from Tyler, TX. This battle ended in 1-1 tie for the Bobcats. Kelsey Cochran, a freshman for JC, scored the only goal for the Bobcats.

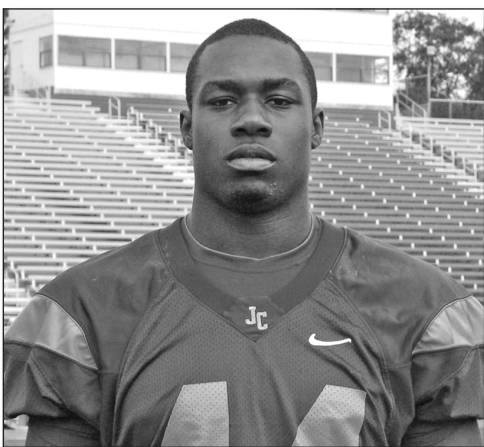
Sept. 5-The Lady Bobcats won against Meridian Community

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ZAC CHAMBLEE
SPORTS EDITOR

According to the NCAA, only 2 percent of college football players make it to the National Football League. Former Bobcat standout Tyrunn Walker has beaten those odds. Walker, a rookie defensive end, was signed by the New Orleans Saints on April 30, 2012.

Walker began his football career at Westgate High School in New Iberia, LA. He was awarded all-district honors while anchoring the Tiger's stingy defense. During his senior season, Westgate won the 5A State Championship. Walker's impressive senior campaign caught the eyes of several colleges around the South. He would eventually sign



Tyrunn Walker while playing for JCJC in 2009 and the New Orleans Saints in 2012. PHOTOS BY SHAWN WANSLEY AND MICHAEL HEBERT.

with Jones County Junior College.

Scouts were raving about Walker's potential. "At 6'5", 270 pounds, Walker is almost impossible to block at times with his 4.84 speed," said former Fox Sports recruiting analyst Mike Coppage. "Walker,

who is lightning fast for his size, draws comparisons to a young Jevon Kearse." Kearse is a former defensive lineman for the Tennessee Titans.

At Jones County Junior College, Walker would dominate opposing offensive lines. He would

win several awards, including the Most Valuable Lineman in the South Division as a sophomore. He was even named to the first-team NJCAA All-American team after the 2009 season.

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The Pick Six

This semester a new sports column will make its debut in the *Radonian*: The Pick Six. Some of our writers will predict the biggest football games of the week. Zac Chamblee, Josh Beasley, Brad Crowe, Kirstie Lowery, Acie Smith and Sam Bass will be picking this week. Zac, Josh, Brad, Kirstie and Acie are writers for the *Radonian* and Sam is a photographer for the *Radonian*.

GAMES of the WEEK						
	Zac Chamblee	Josh Beasley	Brad Crowe	Kirstie Lowery	Acie Smith	Sam Bass
	West Jones vs Wayne Co Oct. 12	West Jones	Wayne County	Wayne County	Wayne County	West Jones
	South Jones vs McComb Oct. 12	McComb	South Jones	South Jones	South Jones	South Jones
	JCJC vs Hinds Oct. 11	JCJC	Hinds	JCJC	JCJC	JCJC
	MSU vs Tennessee Oct. 13	Tennessee	MSU	MSU	MSU	MSU
	Ole Miss vs Auburn Oct. 13	Auburn	Ole Miss	Ole Miss	Auburn	Auburn
Southern Miss vs UCF Oct. 13	USM	UCF	USM	UCF	UCF	USM



JCJC's Tanner Morris attempts to score against Co-Lin's defense. PHOTO BY SAM BASS

ZAC CHAMBLEE
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2011 JCJC men's soccer team finished with a record of 8-4-2. This year's team hopes to have an even better season in 2012. The Bobcats return nine sophomores and introduce twelve freshmen. Oleg Balejev enters his seventh year as head coach of the men's soccer team.

"The goal is simple for any season," said midfielder Brady

Smith. "We are working for a championship and a ring."

Aug. 18-JCJC opened the 2012 season with a scrimmage against Northwest Community College. Jones wins the exhibition 4-2.

Aug. 24-JCJC hosted Hinds Community College in the season opener. The Bobcats would lose 1-2. Kevin Ndongo would score the lone goal for the Bobcats.

Aug. 31-JCJC was scheduled to host Northwest Community

College; however, the game would be postponed due to Hurricane Isaac.

Sept. 5-JCJC would travel to Meridian to take on the Eagles. The Bobcats would lose a heart-breaker 2-3. Kevin Ndongo and Zach Traylor both scored for Jones.

Sept. 7-JCJC would open division play against Copiah-Lincoln. Desperately searching for their first win, the Bobcats would win

the match by a score of 2-1. Zach Traylor and Austin May scored for Jones.

Sept. 12-JCJC would travel to MGCCC looking for a second win, but they would lose 1-3.

Sept. 19-JCJC would host Southwest Community College in need of a win; however, JCJC would have to settle with a tie.

Their next game will be at home on Sunday, Oct. 7 against Holmes at 7 p.m.

Walker

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Tyrunn was not only a great football player, he was a great person,” said JCJC Athletic Director Katie Herrington. “He is truly a great ambassador for JCJC.”

Walker gained more attention from coaches after his impressive career at Jones. After receiving offers from several universities, Walker decided to sign with the

Tulsa Golden Hurricanes in 2010. He was now one step closer to the NFL.

Walker did not miss a beat at Tulsa. He would step in and contribute early, playing in two bowl games as a Golden Hurricane. In 2010, Tulsa beat Hawaii in the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl, and in 2011 they lost to BYU in the Armed Forces Bowl. After the 2011 season was over, the NFL was in Walker’s sight.

Walker would go undrafted, but one team

would call him for a tryout. That team would be the New Orleans Saints. Growing up in Louisiana, the Saints had always been his favorite team. To make any team in the NFL, an undrafted rookie has to survive the dreaded final roster cuts. On August 31, 2012, the Saints revealed the final players who would be cut, and Walker’s name was absent. He was officially a professional football player and a member of the New Orleans Saints.

Stevens

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that are there, instead of trying to force a play,” he said.

Going 6-3 last year would have been a plus for most players but not Stevens, and it shows in his goals for this year.

“I wasn’t satisfied with just a winning record last year. This season my goals are simple. I want for us to be better as a team. That’s what football is all about, trying to get better as a team each day,” said Stevens.

There are a lot of fresh faces on the Bobcat football team this year but none as prevalent as new JCJC head football coach Ray Perkins. Perkins, who is famous for being an All-American at the University of Alabama

and who has held several high profile coaching positions in the past, has certainly already made a big impact on Stevens and his offense.

“Coach Perkins is one of the most experienced coaches out there on any level and brings so much insight to the table,” said Stevens. “I also really like our new offensive coordinator Coach Thornton. He knows offensive football better than any coach I’ve worked with, and we have a chance to be extremely successful offensively with him on our staff.”

Coming out of high school, the 6’2” 185 pound Stevens appeared on many college recruiters’ lists before he landed at JCJC. Stevens can expect to catch the eyes of some senior colleges after he is done at JCJC. Even with

the possibility of playing at a larger school, Stevens doesn’t let the pressure of impressing scouts phase him.

“I’m not sure what my football future holds after Jones to be honest,” he said. “I certainly would like to play at the senior college level if the right school is there for me. At the moment I am a Bobcat and am worried about what is best for my team and winning our next game.”

As Stevens’ last season as a Bobcat progresses, emotions are bound to take effect as the season continues. “I have really enjoyed my time here at Jones,” he said. “It is going to be very bittersweet when the season comes to an end, but I am going to do everything I can to make my last year as a Bobcat one to remember.”

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College 3-1. Kimberly Murray scored the first goal of the game for JCJC on a penalty kick. Morgan Pace and Cassidy Brinson both scored for Jones leaving the Bobcats with a 3-1 victory.

Sept. 7-JC played their first division game against Copiah-Lincoln

Community College. The Bobcats crushed the Wolfpack 14-0.

Sept. 12-The Lady Bobcats continue division play in the battle with Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Kimberly Murray scored a goal on a penalty kick for the Lady Bobcats. JCJC beat MGCCC 1-0.

Sept. 19-The Bobcats defeat division competitor Southwest Community

College. JCJC ended the game with a 9-1 score over Southwest.

Sept. 22-The Lady Bobcats played rival Pearl River Community College. JCJC beat the Wildcats 3-2 giving the Bobcats their fourth division win.

The Lady Bobcats are ranked No. 15 in the Nation.

JCJC has had a great start to the season and have many more games to come.



JCJC’s Morgan Pace (#7) looks to score against a Co-Lin defender. PHOTO BY SAM BASS

Tumblr

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have sprung up here and there as more people join the online revolution. In these social networks, a few have become quite popular and fit different needs for different people. Among them is Tumblr, a blogging site that has more than meets the eye.

The basic definition of Tumblr is a blogging site where people can create their own personal blog to fit their lifestyles and personalities. A blog is a page that users create to tell a story of their life, support a cause, share interests and even make new friends. Pictures, videos, quotes and gifs are all able to be reblogged on the site, and users can also tag pictures and upload their own to add

to the Tumblr database. When a picture is tagged, users can search that tag to find several other pictures on the same subject, allowing them to find new people with the same interests to interact with and follow. By following a blog, users can see what pictures others reblog and if they like it, they have the option to reblog it themselves and add it to their own blog.

Most users find Tumblr to be more than just a social network blogging site. Some even say that it looks plain and boring until one makes an account and tries it firsthand. Home to many unique individuals and thriving, talented artists, Tumblr is even home to many celebrities.

To a lot of people, Tumblr is more of an escape, a place to vent and find consoling and

comforting words from fellow peers. Often, a blog tells much more about a person than meets the eye. People often think of it as reblogging and uploading their feelings rather than just words or pictures.

Selena Dixon, second chair flute in the Maroon Typhon, said, “I absolutely love Tumblr. It’s a place I go when I’m sad and where I go when I am depressed to look up pictures to make me laugh.”

If one needs a place to vent, a place to let out all that creativity, or just needs something to do with some extra time, Tumblr could definitely be a site to check out. Creating a blog on Tumblr.com is done easily by signing up at the home page. For more information, visit Tumblr.com/about.



JCJC students Ricardo McClendon and John Privetera play NBA2K12. PHOTO BY SAM BASS

NBA 2K12 improves on NBA 2K11

JAY RILEY
STAFF WRITER

For people who love basketball and video games, NBA 2K12 is the game to play. Basketball fanatics everywhere have a copy of it in their hands.

NBA 2K12 recognizes the errors of NBA 2K11 and corrects almost every single shortcoming. It doesn’t redefine how NBA2K is played, but it does re-route how the AI works in the game.

The difference is NBA 2K11 practically takes players to the rim without

having to do many moves whereas NBA 2K12 makes them actually think and learn moves to drive to the basket. That difference alone should make any basketball gamer ecstatic, but there is much more.

This game has state-of-the-art graphics and a variety of sweet tracks to jam to while playing it. It also has enhanced My Player mode and Association mode in defining ways.

In My Player mode, instead of D-League and countless games, players actually play one game and

have three different NBA teams that show interest. In Association mode, gamers make their own dynasty over time, and the trading and winning is not as easy as it was before.

NBA 2K12 is stellar in gameplay and resolves many of the issues that NBA 2K11 displayed in areas of the game. 2K sports re-mastered a sports game and crafted it into a work of art.

If given the chance, everyone should buy this game. Fans will be surprised to see how authentic it is.

Black Veil

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Currently 21, Biersack and the rest of the Brides have been on several world tours, released six music videos, and put out two full-length albums and a three track EP. The band now consists of five members which include Biersack, lead vocals; Ashley Purdy, bass guitar and backing vocals; Jinxx, rhythm guitar and violin; Jake Pitts, lead guitar; and Christian “CC” Coma, drums.

With a stage persona resembling that of Kiss and Motely Crue, Black Veil Brides are very distinguishable. The band’s tight clothes, studs, and long hair seem to attract attention wherever they travel; however, it’s the music and their courage to be themselves that truly hooks fans. The band had received both criticism and praise for their individuality, but they seem to shrug off all negative remarks with replies in regards to just wanting to be themselves and play music for people to enjoy.

When interviewed about the hate they receive, bassists Purdy said, “We carry a message of believing in yourself and letting no one tell you otherwise. We

stand up for the underdog and the disenfranchised. Anything strange, odd, or unique, we embrace that. So basically stand up for yourself; have fun and live your life how you choose. You only have one life, make the most of it.”

Even though the band is still greeted with crude remarks and accusations of dressing up just for attention, they seem to take all that negative energy and feed off of it, always giving a high-energy performance.

The Black Veil Brides have played several venues not only in America but worldwide. In 2009, shortly after signing to a record label, the band traveled their first official tour entitled On Leather Wings. Since then they have almost constantly toured, visiting over 15 countries in only a span of three years. With over 12 tours under their leather-studded belts, the band has played with notable artists such as the Murder Dolls, Avenged Sevenfold, Eyes Set to Kill, From First to Last, and Motionless in White and has had full support from rock legends such as Motley Crue, Dee Snider and Slash.

The Brides have also made an appearance on

the coveted stage of the Golden Gods Awards and has played several festival tours. In addition to playing Vans Warped Tour in 2011, the Brides have also played the Australian Soundwave Festival and UK’s Download Festival twice.

When not touring or taking interviews, the Black Veil Brides are more than likely writing and recording new music. The band put out their debut CD July 13, 2010 entitled “We Stitch These Wounds,” which sold over 10,000 copies in the first week alone. Only a month and a year later, the band went back into the studio again and put out their much-anticipated second full length album titled, “Set the World on Fire.” Also, December 11, 2011, an EP featuring covers of Kiss and Billy Idol was released with guest guitar tracking from Zakk Wylde.

The band has announced that once again they are working on a new CD and that more information will be revealed in early 2013. Lead singer Biersack has revealed little about the new album other than it will be more of a punk rock infused sound, and is much more personal to each band member than the previous two before it.

Court

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oral arguments, witnesses are not called and a jury is not present. Each side is allowed 30 minutes to state their argument.

“I appreciate Judge Landrum and the Appeals Court for giving students and the public a glimpse into the inner workings of this court,” said JCJC President Dr. Jesse Smith. “It was a great opportunity for students to see how the appellate court works.”

Paralegal and business law students at Jones were encouraged to go to both the morning and afternoon hearings.

“It was interesting to watch the appellate court case because it is

something that I was not familiar with,” said Rebecca Bunch, a sophomore paralegal student at JCJC. “I think that it was a great opportunity for me to learn about and experience an actual court case.”

JCJC, the only community college selected for the program, was included due to the suggestion of Circuit Judge Billy Joe Landrum. Before the day’s proceedings were over, there was talk to include JCJC in a future session.

“It was an honor for Jones to be chosen as the host of ‘Court on the Road.’ Attending was not only an educational experience, but was also exciting,” said Erin Howell, a sophomore communications major at JCJC.

Campaign

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sensitive soul, is director of a Tourism Center, and no one expects him to get as fired-up as he does.

When Election Day begins to edge closer, the campaigns become less about politics and more about personal attacks on each other. Cam vs. Marty escalates into a comedic episode of backstabbing and wrongdoing against each other.

The Campaign is sure to shock audiences as well as make them laugh. It displays real-life political strategies and ridiculous humor.

Elections

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Government believes that we cannot make our own decisions about our lives.

We have elections coming. November is right upon us. Our future depends on your vote. We need people to vote and make the right decision when doing so. What is the right decision?

Can I tell you that Mitt Romney is the right choice? I cannot. I do believe that he will help us to reclaim our broken down economy and put things in their proper order, but only you can decide if you think he will be better than his counter-part.

You can decide that by standing in line to

vote. You can decide that by standing for what America was founded on. By standing together, we can have change. The only way that will happen is if we look deeply into our candidates' lives and tightly scrutinize their policies. Are you willing to do this?

Many will vote for President Barack Obama because of equal rights. Equal rights for whom? is my question. Many will vote for him because he has made promises of hope and change, but did those promises stand up? President of Citizens United, David N. Bossie, stated, "President Obama's tired campaign rhetoric of 'hope' and 'change' is not working this time around because he has failed to live up to his 2008 promises."

The president is a strong supporter of Roe vs. Wade. On the anniversary of RVW he made a speech saying that we should protect a woman's rights. I say, she made that choice. Now the innocent must die while the government supports her decision. They are forcing insurance companies to provide contraception for the less fortunate with Obama's' backing. These innocent are future doctors, lawyers, sons and daughters. The president's support of this alone makes my heart burn within me. Obama is an eloquent speaker. He sounds good. The real question at hand, is he good for us? Are we any better four years after his leadership? Are we worse?

What are the reasons people will vote for

him? Will consideration about his policies be the reason people vote for him? He believes that small businesses didn't build themselves. "These businesses had to have government backing to start up," reports Fox News of Obamas' statements. I wonder how Bill Gates feels about this statement.

Everyone will need to do considerable research about the running candidates that aspire to lead our country. It is up to us to make the right choice for our country not only as individuals, but as a whole.

Who will make sure that jobs in 2013 are available? Who will assure that our current jobs are secure? Who will assure that with the passing of Obama Care that the doctors will not retire because

they see the fallacy in such laws that were passed under this current administration?

Fellow Americans, no matter who you are, our country is in trouble. The debt ceiling is higher at this point in time than any preceding presidential term and it is climbing. If you think this is a good thing, refer back to Russia in the days of communism. We have a situation in Washington that should call for major alert but it seems that the situations are swept under a proverbial rug.

I am only one of the many that has a voice crying out saying "please wake up!" We don't have much time to decide on our future. Please make the best decision for our country, for each other, and for our children.

Halloween

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Now in its third year, House of 1,000 Psychos is bringing the horror to Ellisville.

To find out about more haunted houses, hayrides, and pumpkin patches, visit www.hauntedhousesonline.com/mississippi_haunted_houses.

From light-hearted fun events on campus to real haunted houses, there is definitely no shortage in entertaining ways to celebrate Halloween this fall.

Financial

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cannot accept what's left over. Instead, the unused money must be returned to the aid recipient, rather than the government, which, might I add, is in quite a deficit. "Refunds are built into the financial aid budget for school expenses," explained Rick Youngblood, vice president of business affairs. That sounds like a great plan in theory, but there is no way to regulate how it is spent without infringing on individual rights. While books and computers are school expenses, bar cover charges and children's Christmas presents are most certainly not. Universities are so expensive that there are rarely refunds. This is surely unfortunate news for the refund abusers among us who plan to move on to universities. Bobcat Bucks have already become a source of contention among some students, the earned scholarship-only students. Last year, scholarships could be transferred onto the OneCard as Bobcat Bucks, while this year only financial aid can be. While it is obviously upsetting to those with only earned scholarships not to be able to purchase gas and food with the money they earned, it has one positive side: Jones saving the money will keep tuition down, at least, until inflation takes its toll.

Green

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items made of these materials. Items that cannot go into the bins are food, gum, dip spit bottles, styrofoam, glass, and any paper towels or bandages containing bodily fluids or other contaminates.

Last school year, the eco-Bobcats were off to a good start, partnering with elementary schools to collect recyclables their students brought from home, collecting pledges to recycle from fellow JCJC students, faculty and staff, providing recycle bins for JCJC and community events and coordinating recyclable collection

days for the community. Each semester the eco-Bobcats also take field trips to companies that are involved in recycling to help further educate themselves and the community about recycling processes and how we can reduce the amount of waste we create.

Being green isn't just about reducing our waste by recycling though; it is also about conservation and efficiency. With JCJC's energy conservation plan the school has already saved hundreds of thousands of dollars in water, gas and electricity. In fact, last year the school saved so much on energy costs that it was able to share a portion of the savings with employees

with the energy education plan.

All of JCJC's and the eco-Bobcats' efforts to go green have even won them legislative support. United States Senator Roger Wicker sent a letter of recommendation to the Coca Cola Foundation and the Keep America Beautiful organization recommending the college as recipient of the grant for the new coke-bottle-shaped recycle bins for sporting events. Several colleges around the nation were awarded these grants, but JCJC was the only junior college in Mississippi to receive one. Such an honor landed the eco-Bobcats in the news on WHLT, WDAM and local newspapers. The eco-Bobcats will have to

keep track of the amount of recyclables they collect and submit a report to the donors at the end of the year with the potential to receive future support.

The eco-Bobcats can't do it all alone though. It will take the help of every visitor to the campus in order for the school to achieve these goals and receive more recognition, setting it apart from other junior/community colleges and increasing the value of having a degree from JCJC and what it means to be a Bobcat. This is the easiest way for everybody to contribute to the growth of our school, and it's as simple as putting your bottle in a different container.

As a fellow student I

Chik-Fil-A

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employees and I endured. It is amazing to look back and see the positive impact that has been made on my personal life in my time employed with this company. There have been many occasions where we have prayed for one another. This is a CFA Family. This is one of the ways we were taught to "go the extra mile."

About three years ago, the CFA owner/operator, his wife, and eight crew members/team leaders took a trip to Alabama to a hospitality conference sponsored by CFA. We heard from many owner/operators of the testimonies from raving

fans and employees alike. It was in this conference that I met one of the most humble men that I have ever interacted with, President and CEO Dan Cathy. He is someone who was truly taught what it meant to be an example of love. I spoke with him, hugged his neck, and shook his hand. One of the things Cathy quoted was Luke 6:20, "If a man asks for your coat, give him your cloak as well." He quoted many other scriptures, all of which were about servant hood.

While there we also watched videos of founder Truitt Cathy reaching out to others through Godly leadership. He taught his son Dan Cathy to do the same. Cathy is not perfect, but he does attempt to

follow in the steps of his father.

In August 2012, Cathy was questioned from a Christian news organization about his stance on Biblical marriage. Cathy answered, "Chick-Fil-A supports the Biblical definition of the family unit." From these interviews with Cathy spurned an extremely large ruckus. He was asked a question; he answered the question, and was prosecuted for his beliefs. While it offended some, others were proud for his stance.

When Mike Huckabee called for National Chick-Fil-A day, I don't believe he was out to attack the ones that do not believe this way. I do, however believe he was saying

what many others have thought but let pass them by. It was supposed to be a day standing for First Amendment Rights. Instead, CFA day was turned into others thinking that Christians hate homosexuals. This is not the case.

Cathy was not putting down the individual, although many took it that way. He was standing for what he believes. It's sad that a man who is CEO of a company cannot say what he stands for without being persecuted by those who disagree. There is a fine line between offending people and standing for your beliefs. Cathy was merely agreeing with the Bible.

Yes, I was there that day....on Chick-Fil-A day.

The guests that I spoke with didn't mention to me anything about a homosexual agenda. Do I agree with Cathy? Yes, I do. With that being said, I have many friends with diverse beliefs, and I love them beyond what they do. I look past what they shouldn't do and love them for who they are within. I have my convictions and, if you ask me, I will do the same as Cathy. I will answer the question honestly, and without hesitation.

I support what Cathy said because I support the Bible and because I was able to personally interact with him and know that he is not a stuck up, arrogant, fake Christian. I hope that I can be that humble and strong if I am ever placed in the same situation.

LeCrae

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mission of getting LeCrae to Jones County about two years before the performance actually came to life.

"I wanted the kids around here to experience LeCrae and what he was all about," said Wade. "I began

emailing his road manager and it just went from there."

LeCrae began his music career in 2004 after releasing his first album titled "Real Talk." Throughout his life LeCrae has been a nominee for many GMA awards. In 2006 LeCrae won numerous awards given by Rapzilla, some of which included Best Song, Best Album and

are suffering from a sickle cell crisis.

"We were wanting to increase our African-American donations, and we did by at least 18 percent," she said. "I can not tell you how much this is going to impact our need for our sickle cell patients."

Several door prizes were made available to help further the reward

Best Male Artist.

Throughout his musical career LeCrae has aimed toward sharing with teens and young adults the idea of self acceptance and living for his Savior, Jesus Christ.

"To me not being Christian is like not being human," said LeCrae in a brief interview before the performance. "I want to

of giving blood this year. Nursing and radiography student associations at Jones donated \$50 gift certificate as door prizes. There were several donations of movie tickets made by Sandy Cochran and Kim Duckworth. The winners of the door prize drawings are Aaron Phillips,

bring kids the idea of self acceptance."

On the day of the concert, students began lining up at Life Church as early as 4:30 p.m., two hours before the doors opened.

Even though LeCrae only spent one evening in Jones County, he left an impact on many who attended the concert, including JCJC students.

Armendia Cochran, Patton Butler, Sarah Bryant, Emily Davis and Johnathan Adait.

Even so, the real prize is simply knowing that one can make a difference and perhaps even save a life. JCJC made an outstanding difference and will be providing blood for over 1,300 patients in the area.

Curfew

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said, "There are not too many good things happening at 2 a.m., so for the students' safety it's best to have a curfew."

When students have class the next morning, they should be in the dorm and in bed.

People complain about curfews for dorm students, but they serve a purpose. At first, one might not agree with the curfew or understand why it is set at 2 a.m.

We have students who have jobs where they work long and late hours. One of the worst things that could happen to a dorm student is to work all night, drive to the dorm, have a key and not be able to get in because it is past 2 a.m. That would be very overwhelming

and upsetting.

Director of Women's Housing Ashley Hill explained the school policy concerning working students who get off of work late. "Well, there's a form that we give dorm students," said Hill. "If they do work late hours, we can give them that form to give to their employer stating that the student has a curfew of 2 a.m."

The employer may offer the student earlier hours, but if the employer doesn't want to work with the student, the student may have to quit the job. As Hill said, "There are not too many good things happening at 2 a.m., so for the students' safety it's best to have a curfew."

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Blood Drive

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College Readiness department this year, and many came out to donate.

Clark also had a goal of increasing the number of African-American donations because their blood contains an antibody for sickle cell, which helps patients who

Jones, local high schools form Math League

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Competition seems to be a way of life in our day and age, and it can be seen all around us. There are competitive sports, eating contests, spelling bees, robotics, and even competitive math competitions. Now Jones is welcoming a new and improved math competition called Math League.

JCJC has hosted the Math Bowl for four years, but this is the first year of the Bobcat Math League. The League takes the original one-day math bowl competition and expands it into a season of competitions in order

to give more high school students a chance to become involved.

The goal of the Bobcat Math League, which is a math competition open to high school students from Jones’ eight county district, is to increase math interest in students, standardized test and ACT math scores, and the number of students enrolling in college. It was created to foster community relations among the surrounding high schools, businesses and JCJC. This competition consists of three sections: pre season, regular season, and post season. The pre season, which ended Sept. 14, consisted of four timed quizzes that

the students took online using Blackboard. The results of these pre-season quizzes helped the high school coaches determine which students would be participating in the regular season math league.

On Sept. 24, the regular season began and marked the start of a six-week period where 20 teams were separated into five divisions. These five divisions of four teams are named after famous mathematicians such as Einstein, Euclid, Fermat, Fibonacci, Newton and Pythagoras. Each team will host three competitions and then travel the remaining three. The competition during the regular season

will consist of timed Blackboard tests similar to the quizzes given during pre season. The test will contain topics such as algebra, trigonometry, calculus and geometry. The regular season will end October 30.

At the end of the regular season, one team from each of the four divisions will be declared the division winners and will move on to the Super Bowl, along with two of the second highest scoring non-division teams. A shootout will be held Nov. 7 for any teams that did not win their division and would like to vie for a spot to participate in the final bowl. Whichever team receives the highest

score at this shootout will be allowed to participate in the final quiz bowl competition with the division winners and the other top two scoring teams. This will be a total of eight teams competing in the Math League Super Bowl where the overall winners will receive scholarships and prizes.

“It has been a joy to work alongside the members of JCJC’s Administration and Math Department for the past four years during the planning and implementation of the Math Bowl and Bobcat Math League,” said Jessica Bunch, the Math League Commissioner. “Having close contact with the math teachers and

students in our district’s high schools has given us the opportunity to help encourage high school students to become more involved in math and to expose them to the opportunities that math could make available to them in the future.”

Pythagoras, a famous mathematician once said, “numbers rule the universe.” JCJC students and staff are encouraged to come out and support the community’s youth as they crunch numbers and attempt to rule the universe during this season’s Math League. JCJCers are also encouraged to attend this year’s Math League Super Bowl, slated for Nov. 15 in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

OneCard

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you can utilize the many services they offer the JCJC student.

OneCard services are best described at www.jcjc.edu, under the Current Student tab, financial aid link, and then under OneCard tab in the right column. This section will explain the details of the services available, and how to activate or operate that function of your card.

The advantages of being a cardholder has amazed me, saved me lots of money, and offered many conveniences. Let’s take a look into some of its functions.

OneCard is a free access pass to the fitness center, health clinic, athletic events, plays and other events on campus. Financial needs are met by offering Bobcat Bucks, Book Voucher, pre-paid meal plans in the cafeteria, and Bobcat prints (WEPA). Security features included door access for female students living in the dorm. Students can pay their fees online.

OneCard is linked to a student online checking account, which you can activate if you choose to. This checking account has the same abilities and functions as a traditional checking account, except you are offered added benefits as a result of being a college student.

JCJC has contracted with www.Moneynetwork.edu, the largest prepaid debit card processor in the world and is FDIC insured. One benefit of the service is allowing financial aid recipients the ability to receive their refund prior to the release of physical checks on campus. Most importantly it helps management of funds, because it doesn’t put all the cash in the student’s pocket to be lost, stolen or badly managed.

Bobcat Bucks are available to every student and allows them purchasing power on campus, in the bookstore, at campus coffee shops and vending machines. In total there are 18 participating merchants. What makes Bobcat Bucks so great is that students have access to gasoline, food, books, pharmacy

needs, and some services, prior to financial aid disbursements mid semester. They can also be awarded as prizes at campus events.

Remember that Bobcat Bucks and OneCard are separate accounts. They are similar in terms of being able to receive deposits from family and acquiring purchasing power through financial aid. Those students who are financially challenged can have one less worry when they utilize these programs.

Bonus Bucks are new at JCJC and are offered to students who pay their semester fees by a certain date. A 10 percent deposit of the amount paid is then deposited onto your student ID for use that semester on campus or with vendors that accept Bobcat Bucks. Beware students; those funds are lost if not spent by the end of the semester. The Bonus Bucks work identical to Bobcat Bucks and are seamless to the vendor processing your purchase.

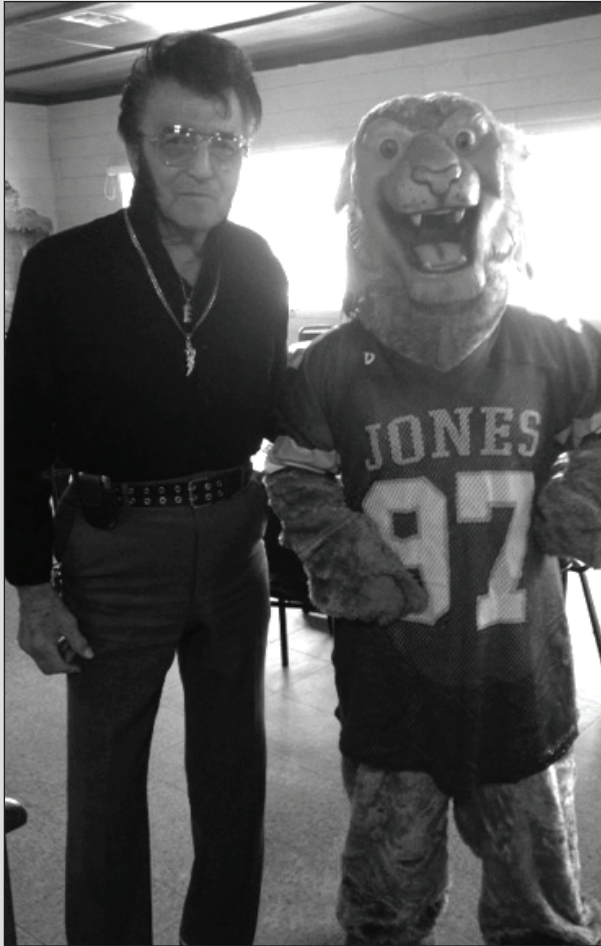
This card has come a long way from its creation only three years ago. The hard work of

many people, including Director of OneCard Services, Candi Smith, has not gone unnoticed. There are many financially strapped students who, without this privilege, would not be able to afford the costs associated with attending college. Participating merchants have seen an increase in spending as a result of the purchasing power. Benefits are also seen in the increase in local sales taxes being generated. Deposits to Bobcat accounts have grown from \$29,000 to over \$1 million since its launch.

It is an advantage to your pocket book to ask all merchants if they offer a student discount with ID. Surprisingly many merchants do have programs that offer discounts or special offers for students; it will increase your spending capability to ask.

Please remember that in all the spending that you do during your college experience, financial responsibility is a key to future success. Spending your money wisely is always best advised.

Around Town



Elvis and the Bobcat mascot were spotted at Charlie’s Catfish in Ellisville. It was their first time to meet.

Tires

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and the environment,” said Sam Breeden, a JCJC sophomore and polymer engineering major.

Since the late 90’s states such as California, Arizona, New York, and Florida have been recycling used tires into asphalt mixtures to reduce the amount of used tires in landfills. As of now the EPA estimates approximately 12 million tires a year are being reused as highway and road construction material, but it doesn’t only reduce waste. Rubberized asphalt roadways offer a safer, more comfortable experience.

Breeden acquired the position through his mother’s business associate, Prem Naidoo, who is a Chemical Engineer and native of Africa. Naidoo and his partner Muhammad opened their own private lab in Diamondhead, Mississippi a few years ago after they both retired from Shell. One of their goals is to create a higher grade of asphalt to provide to manufacturers. Breeden was able to contribute by testing different polymers with different amounts of ground rubber and various asphalt mixtures. His help allowed Niadoo’s team to

focus on the more tedious aspects of the experiment.

With rubberized asphalt paved roads, there are several known benefits: road surfaces that last longer, reduction in road maintenance, increased long-term cost effectiveness, reduced road noise and shorter braking distances. Also, studies have shown that there is no increase of environmental impact when using these new formulas. Many states are using rubberized asphalt more every year to make our road systems stronger and safer, and this benefits everyone as a good transportation system is a key necessity for a smooth running economy. Naidoo and his team are working to make the rubber asphalt mixtures even better which will recycle even more old tires.

“This is another great example of how many benefits there are with recycling. Over 220 million pounds of old tires are prevented from becoming waste,” Breeden said. “America can build cheaper more durable road systems with them, the economy is allowed to flourish, jobs are created, and we get to be safer and more comfortable when we drive. It just goes to show that recycling can make all the difference.”

Moldova

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camp as a teacher and a student. Florescu is an honors student and has taken honors English courses at Jones.

“I went there to learn English, but I gained so much more – a new life in Christ. This year I went back not only because it is my spiritual home, but to be a blessing, the same way others were a blessing for me,” she said.

JCJC students who attended the camp were able to meet people from over 14 countries and hear testimonies from people from countries that do not allow them to practice Christianity. The mission team was warned to not take photos of these

people as a way to protect them, because they were not supposed to attend a Christian camp. The BSU members told of how the trip put things into perspective.

“We take our freedom of religion for granted. We ignore the fact that we can share freely, when in Moldova they are persecuted, but they do it anyway,” said JCJC sophomore Kayla Bailey.

Another thing that the group noticed at the camp was how the Moldovans used everything that they had for the ministry. They used their spiritual gifts and material supplies to put the camp together and keep it running. Supplies that were brought into the camp were used as rewards for participation in camp activities, which resulted in

bringing in more people to teach them about Christ.

Each day after worship and lessons, the campers were given the chance to play sports and relax. Many of them could be seen playing volleyball, soccer or basketball. The people who attended the camp ranged from young children to senior adults.

While on the trip, the mission team had the chance to experience traditional Moldovan food at the home of former JCJC student, Cate Stepaniuc. They were able to try things like mămăligă and sour cherry plachenta, which are the equivalents of corn bread and cherry pie in America.

The students agreed that the most memorable food they ate was rooster meat that had been refrigerated in its broth to form a gelatin,

and the mission team called it chicken jello.

After the camp in Moldova, the team then went to London during the Olympics to participate in pin trading as they traveled around the city. Pin trading is an activity that goes on around the Olympics. The pins that the mission team was handing out were special, though. Each one had colors on them that symbolized the crucifixion and a cross.

The BSU and Moldova have worked together in mission work for seven years, and many would like to see it continue.

“It has been a good seven year partnership. We have been blessed by participating in it, and by Mihaela coming to school here as a result,” said BSU Director Frank Porter.

Maroon Typhoon is a talented and spirited group. A huge supporter of the team and a very important part of school spirit, the JCJC band truly does seem to root, root, root for the home team.

Maroon

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composition ends strongly with a variation of “We Are the Champions” and then as always, in Maroon Typhoon

style, the band plays the JCJC fight song in honor of team spirit and pride.

The Maroon Typhoon seems to never fail to bring their crowd an amazing and entertaining half-time performance. This year

is no different. Honoring not only football, the band’s show Champions is sure to be entertaining, unforgettable and unlike anything the crowd has seen before. In the stands or on the field, the JCJC

Hundreds turn out for Meet the Bobcats event



This year, Jones County Junior College’s annual “Meet the Bobcats” event took place Aug. 23 in downtown Ellisville. Charlie Garretson of Community Bank welcomed fans to the festivities. The JCJC cheerleaders were introduced, and they led the crowd in several cheers. The men and women’s soccer teams and basketball teams were then introduced. Head football coach Ray Perkins addressed the crowd. Fans also got to meet the football team. In addition, the Bobcat mascot was on hand to shake hands and give hugs to both the young and old in the crowd.

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Program earns national accreditation

Jones Precision Manufacturing & Machining recognized by NIMS

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Jones County Junior College’s Precision Manufacturing and Machining Program is the first post-secondary program in the state to earn the esteemed National Institute for Metalworking Skills accreditation. For the last two years, everything has been revamped from the curriculum and equipment to faculty and student training to obtain this lofty goal.

“The NIMS accreditation for Jones’ Machining Program affirms our commitment to excellence in graduating students who can compete with the high standards expected from employers. Our students complete Jones confident and poised for careers that are in high demand,” stated Dr. Jesse Smith, President of Jones County Junior College. The Level I Machining Skills accreditation means faculty have been trained to teach their students the NIMS standards for quality work in the industry. JCJC Dean of Liberal Arts, Industrial Services and the Advanced Technology Center, Dr. Shannon Campbell coordinated the effort after Jones received the WIRED Momentum grant in 2007. The \$5 million federal grant was designed to create centers for excellence in advanced manufacturing and help Mississippi workers attain higher job skills.

“I am very proud of our machining faculty who’ve been working diligently to upgrade their teaching credentials and making incremental improvements in the program that has helped us achieve the NIMS accreditation. I am also thankful to Dr. Smith and our business advisory council for challenging us to take the machining program to the highest standard available,” said Campbell. One of the first obstacles to tackle was upgrading equipment. About \$750,000 of equipment was purchased with the help of state and federal grants and phased in from 2008 through 2010 according to JCJC machining instructor James Jones. “The grants were also used to upgrade our professional credentials, align curriculum to the NIMS standard and modularize our course offerings to meet the expectations of employers in the area.” As faculty improved

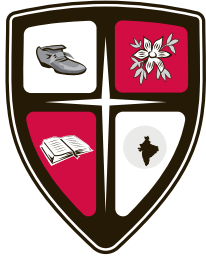
their credentials the NIMS accreditation then required at least two students to earn accreditation before it would consider accrediting the machining program. Jones machining instructor, Jerry Hamm said that was accomplished in 2008. “Students had both written and performance tests. Prior to NIMS, our faculty were the only source of grading a student’s work. Now, we’ve added a third party technical evaluation committee to independently verify that the student’s work meets the NIMS standard,” said Hamm. “I’d like to thank our local industry leaders and our JCJC advisory committee for their support in helping make this accreditation process a reality.” Ed Cook, the B Equipment company plant manager is one of the advisory committee members assigned with the task of evaluating the student’s work. He explained in the past, he was unsure of his potential new employees’ job skill level. A lot of time and money was wasted on employees who were hired and couldn’t perform to industry levels. “If they are NIMS certified, then they have met national industry expectations, it’s easier to evaluate them in

the hiring process, and I feel better about hiring them. It’s a dangerous job if you don’t know what you’re doing.” Another potential employer of JCJC machining graduates is GE Aviation which is expected to open in Ellisville in about one year. Campbell added Jones’ machining program is aligned with the employee needs of GE, Hol-mac industries in Bay Springs and B Equipment in Ellisville. Knowing that, Jones machining student, Jeff McDade of Laurel said he is optimistic about his job prospects. “So far I have three credentials and the NIMS accreditation will give me the advantage in getting a job at GE or anywhere really. I’ll also be more confident in my skills with this training,” said McDade. Manual machinists are called to design and create a part that has become obsolete on the market for replacement. They are also called upon to custom design a new part that has a complicated design. Cook said there is a demand for manual machinist because there aren’t as many people learning the trade. Entry level machinists can earn \$9 an hour with the potential of earning \$20 an hour with experience.

“Manual machinists are competing against the CNC operator so they need to be able to quickly create the needed part with precision. A machinist has a secure future because there will always be a need,” said Cook. Jones will offer a mini-session for machining beginning October 15 through December 13 to help get more machinists into the field. JCJC’s Precision Manufacturing and Machining Program is offered as a two-year technical certificate or as an associate of applied technology program. For more information about the program, call 601-477-4201 or email jerry.hamm@jcjc.edu or james.jones@jcjc.edu.



JCJC machining student Corey Wade of Ellisville uses the lathe to thread a bolt in the state’s only NIMS accredited Precision Manufacturing and Machining Program. PHOTO BY TERESA MARTIN



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